



The Voter

The League of Women Voters of Columbia-Boone County, MO

HAVE YOU BOUGHT YOUR TICKETS FOR HAIRSPRAY JUNE 12?

Our big fundraiser of the year will be *Hairspray*, a Tony Award-winning musical comedy presented by the Columbia Entertainment Company, 1800 Nelwood Drive on **Wednesday, June 12**.

Hairspray is an American musical based on John Waters' 1988 film of the same name. The songs include 1960s-style dance music and "downtown" rhythm and blues. In 1962 Baltimore, plump teenager Tracy Turnblad's dream is to dance on a local TV dance program. When Tracy wins a role on the show, she becomes a celebrity overnight, and meets a colorful group of characters, leading to social change as Tracy campaigns for the show's integration. In 2003 the show won eight Tony Awards, including one for Best Musical.

We hope you will want to attend! The money raised from this event goes into the general fund of LWV and supports our yearly activities. We filled the theater last year and with your help we can do it again!

Before the show you'll enjoy an array of delicious appetizers and desserts provided by some of the best

restaurants in town and your fellow members. There will be free wine and other beverages and a drawing for door prizes.



Tickets are \$25. If you wish to be an underwriting sponsor, for \$100 you'll get 5 tickets (that's one free ticket) and your name in the program. If you are unable to attend, why not purchase tickets for friends who can?

Donations are always welcome. Consider this: it is our 100th Anniversary year!

The social hour will begin at 6:30 PM. Curtain time is 7:30 PM.

Make reservations or send a check payable to LWV-CBC.

We really hope to see you and your friends who believe in the League's work to provide voters with factual, unbiased information. Your League is vitally

important to a democracy for all.

Reservations: send the order form and your check to LWV-CBC, PO Box 239, 65205. Or call to make reservations: Pam Springsteel, 445-0642.

— Marilyn McLeod, marilyn_mcleod@yahoo.com



hairspray

JULY 14 FILM: "ONE WOMAN, ONE VOTE"

As part of our Centennial celebration, we will provide a showing of the PBS documentary, "One Woman One Vote" on Sunday, July 14 at 2 p.m. at the Columbia Public Library.

The U.S. Congress passed the 19th Amendment in June 1919 and Missouri was the eleventh state to ratify it in July 1919.

But it took more than 70 years to get to that momentous occasion. This film is a sweeping look at the women's suffrage movement, from Elizabeth Cady Stanton's famous Seneca Falls call to arms to the passage and ratification of the 19th Amendment.

Narrated by Susan Sarandon, the documentary features

historical photos and video clips of the suffrage movement, as well as a number of historians who provide needed context. The film also delves into the deep divisions within the suffrage movement, like the one over the question of whether to support voting rights for black men. In addition, the film looks at regional differences within the movement and differences over whether to use militant tactics.

— Marilyn McLeod, marilyn_mcleod@yahoo.com



MAY BOARD MEETING REPORT

The LWV Board of Directors met on Monday, May 20, 2019, holding a brief regular board meeting followed by an orientation and planning meeting.

New Board

We welcomed new board members Kate Canterbury and Susan Clark. President Marilyn McLeod went through the LWV Handbook and explained various policies and where to get needed forms and information. The Board decided to keep the third Monday as the regular Board meeting date and to continue meeting at the Unitarian Universalist Church.

Each Board member shared their work experiences, interests and skills that will help the Board and the League.

New Committees

Members reviewed the list of our committees and noted that we have a new committee, the ERA Committee. Carol Schreiber reported that LWVUS is encouraging local Leagues to work on the census and they have a toolkit on their website. Carol will be the interim chair for the census committee and anyone interested in serving on this committee should email Carol.

Communication Tools

We are using a number of communication tools to share our activities with members and the general public. Ava Fajen will continue preparing the Voter. Marilyn McLeod will continue sending out press releases and will manage the website, lwvcbc.org. Peggy Placier will manage our Facebook page. Kate Canterbury has suggestions on making our Facebook presence stronger and will help us become more active on Twitter. We plan to continue to share our activities on the radio program "Radio Friends with Paul Pepper." Since we will no longer be able to provide programs via CAT TV, it was suggested that we investigate additional radio opportunities and possibly film or prepare podcasts of our other educational programs, such as Lunch & Learn, to be shared on YouTube.

Membership Drive

Membership chair Meredith Donaldson will begin the drive for membership renewals in August and we will provide orientation activities for new members and encourage them to attend the

August event and another one in January or February.

\$100 for 100 years!

This is our centennial year, and the board approved a special fundraising request for this centennial year. We will encourage members to give an extra donation when renewing their membership. For individuals we will ask they give \$35 extra to make it \$100 and for couples to give \$125 instead of \$100.

Lunch & Learns Cosponsored with Library

We have been providing monthly Lunch & Learn programs for several years, moving them to whatever location is available. We now have an opportunity to cosponsor these programs with the Columbia Public Library, which will provide a centralized, permanent location with other positive benefits. These programs have an educational mission which works well with the library's mission.

The Board will consider some other evening activities (in addition to regular forums) to engage members who work during the day.

Centennial Celebrations

Plans are in the works for a variety of events, as part of our centennial celebration (see the report of the 100th Anniversaries Committee on page 4). Mark your calendar! We will have a showing of the film about the suffrage movement "One Woman One Vote" on Sunday, July 14 at 2 p.m. at the library. We are working on a program for Constitution Day on September 18 and an event in October about the suffrage movement and the racial divide. We have been invited to participate in a symposium in October at William Woods University on October 21.

All in all, it looks like a very busy – and a great – year! We look forward to your participation in these activities and events. If you have any suggestions, please feel free to contact me.

— Marilyn McLeod, marilyn_mcleod@yahoo.com



2019 LEGISLATIVE SESSION OUTCOMES

The 2019 Missouri legislative session ended on Friday, May 17. Here is a summary of some outcomes on issues important to the LWV, in alphabetical order. Please note the current and future outcome for Amendment I.

ABORTION. A restrictive bill prohibiting abortions at 8 weeks of pregnancy except in medical emergencies passed.

AMENDMENT I - REDISTRICTING AND ETHICS RESOLUTION. Although HCS/HJRs 48, 46 & 47 would have undone the redistricting reforms of Amendment 1, it did not pass due to a procedural error in the Senate committee on May 13. The majority party legislators may seek to force a similar provision through next session.

HJR 48 would have significantly undermined the redistributing reforms approved by voters in Constitutional Amendment 1, also known as CLEAN Missouri. It would have eliminated the nonpartisan state demographer and would have moved partisan fairness and competitiveness to the lowest priority in the redistricting process. The House also added language that could shift the basis of redistricting away from total population, as is currently the practice in all 50 states.

SB 213, regarding the nonpartisan state demographer, passed. It included protecting the process of redistricting against conflict of interest, providing for financial disclosure of the process, and increased public disclosure of records.

BUDGET. The legislature authorized a roughly \$30 billion operating budget for fiscal year 2020 (July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020). It included the full amount called for by state law to fund K-12 public schools, and a total of \$100 million of funds coming from general revenue for state bridge repairs and local highway projects. It continues a requirement to charge international tuition rates for college students living in the U.S. illegally.

CAFOs (Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations), LOCAL HEALTH ORDINANCES. Legislation was passed to prevent local officials from enacting regulations, such as county health ordinances, that are more stringent than state regulations for the CAFOs used to raise large numbers of livestock such as hogs, poultry or cattle.

CHARTER SCHOOL EXPANSION. Although committees in both the House and Senate quickly moved legislation allowing charter schools to be sponsored by outside entities (other than the local

school board) and operate in districts around the state, these bills did NOT pass—mostly because of many communications from constituents and the bipartisan opposition in rural areas.

CHILD CARE. Tighter limits on in-home child-care providers who currently are limited to caring for four children who aren't related to the caregiver passed. This creates a new limit of six children, including three under age two and exempts only school-age relatives.

HEALTH POLICY MEASURES. Proposals to enact Medicaid Work Requirements, to create Short-term Junk Insurance, and the Global Waiver/Block Grant did not pass and were not included in the Omnibus Healthcare Bill.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM (PDMP). The prescription drug monitoring program did not pass for the 7th year. Missouri remains the only state that does not have a state-wide drug monitoring program. Many cities and counties have joined voluntary programs which now cover over 80% of the state's residents.

TAX CREDITS. Efforts to cut the Circuit Breaker tax credit for low-income seniors and people with disabilities did not pass. The Low Income Housing Tax Credit measures did not pass, although the Governor has stated that he will restart the program anyway. The most significant tax credit package approved was the General Motors Incentive, which also included a number of the Governor's priorities around workforce development.

TAX ISSUES. State revenue is up by about 2% compared to last year, although individual income tax collections remain lower than last year.

Proposals that would have made Missouri's tax structure even less fair and which would have harmed funding for critical community services were blocked. However, the "Wayfair Fix" and State Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), two proposals the LWV supported, did not pass. The MCO provider tax, which would provide more funding to support Medicaid did not pass.

TERM LIMITS BALLOT ISSUE. There will be an issue on the next ballot to ask voters whether to limit Missouri's lieutenant governor, attorney general, secretary of state, and auditor to serving two, four-year terms in office (similar to current term limits for governor and state treasurer).

— Sharon Schneeberger sharon@schneeberger.net

UPDATE: 100TH ANNIVERSARY LEAGUE CELEBRATIONS IN 2019

Proclamations: LWVMO has requested a proclamation from Governor Parsons for the July 3 Centennial of Missouri ratifying the 19th Amendment. We would like to go to the Capitol Rotunda for the presentation. The Boone County Commission will be issuing a proclamation that December 7-14 be LWV week commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the LWV of Columbia, and we will be asking Mayor Treece to do the same.

July 2019: Chris Crawford, Laurel Wilson and Nancy Taylor of the Boone County Museum and Culture Center and Marilyn McLeod and Pam Springsteel are assembling an exhibit honoring the 100th anniversary of the founding of our local league and the 100th anniversary of the XIX Amendment, entitled *At Last Their Work Bore Fruit: Winning the Vote*. They are requesting loan of artifacts from the early years of the league or women's voting to put in the display cases- personal items, awards, pins, sashes, parasols, t-shirts, handbills, etc. Contact Pam Springsteel if you have any items to lend. Mark Farnen, who has a large collection of political pins, is gathering pins of politicians of the suffrage era to lend to the exhibit. Marilyn will be writing letters to the editor of area newspapers to make this same request.

August 26 - 99th Anniversary of the XIX

Amendment: This celebration will be held at Parks and Rec's Rock Quarry House, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Carolyn Rempf, MU history professor, will speak on U.S. women's political history. We will award the Liz Schmidt Scholarship, provide orientation of new members, and enjoy sandwiches, veggie and fruit trays, and drinks. There will be musical entertainment - a sing-along with the Joy Boys. We will need some members to arrive early to set up tables and chairs and to take down after the event is over.

October 2019- Marilyn is contacting Dr. April Langley, Chair of Black Studies and Associate Professor of English about a possible event at the library in which we would invite women of color. April wrote an article in the current (Missouri) Humanities magazine about a black suffragist- Frances Ellen Watkins Harper. The article is entitled

"BONDED JUSTICE: Race, Class, Gender, and Suffrage."

November 24, 3-5 p.m., Columbia's Holiday

Parade: Three of our members will be riding in costume in Todd Crawford's Model T Ford, the "Billy T." Todd is looking for a second antique car so more members may be in the parade. Other

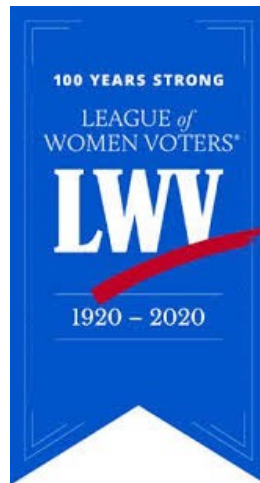
members can walk in the parade carrying banners. The parade goes from Broadway and College, west on Broadway to 5th and Locust. We will be creating a local League centennial banner from the template supplied in the toolkit on the lwv.us website. These banners will be on the sides of the car(s) and carried by those walking.

December 7 - Centennial Celebration of the Founding of our local LWV: A Saturday afternoon reception at Broadway Christian Church, with special invitations going to the Mayor, City Council, Boone County Commission and Friends of the League. The public will also be invited.

Commissioner Janet Thompson is preparing a proclamation from the Boone County Commission. The Mayor will be asked to proclaim this as LWV week. Mothersingers will entertain us with suffrage songs. There will be a speaker, presentation of the Liz Schmidt Community Service Award, and refreshments. We will be doing a special mailing of fancy invitations -1920's style.

December 11 - 100th Anniversary of the Founding of the League of Women Voters of Columbia - Janet Thompson, Brianna Lennon, and Kate Canterbury are planning this happy hour event at Dog Master Brewery with drinks and hors d'oeuvres. The owner has promised a signature cocktail. This will be a Facebook Event and invitations will be mailed out. We will be decorating with the "Our Turn" poster from the state league.

Contacts with Stephens College - We met with Diane Lynch, Stephens College president; Leslie Wiley, vice president of academic affairs; Lori Hall-Araujo, curator of the costume museum; and the public relations person. When the academic year begins, they would like to do joint events. We were shown fashions of the time. Brianna Lennon met with the director of the a cappella choir - the Velvet Tones. We will see if they are available to sing at our August 26, 2020 event. (cont'd on page 6).



WHAT'S IN YOUR ATTIC? REQUEST FOR SUFFRAGE MEMORABILIA

This is the year (2019-2020) of the centennial of the 19th Amendment, when women in the U.S. won the right to vote after a hard-fought battle of 72 years!

The Boone County History and Culture Center is planning an exhibit honoring that anniversary as well as the 100th anniversary of the founding of the local League of Women Voters.

Do you have any artifacts from the years of the suffrage movement or the early days of the League of Women Voters (approx. 1900-1920) that you would be willing to loan to the Center for the display cases. This might be pins, sashes, parasols, handbills, posters, brochures, photos, and the like.

We will be assembling the exhibit in July for an August opening. If you have any items you would be willing to loan for this exhibit, please contact the Boone County



History and Culture Center at this email: researchlibrary@boonehistory or mailing address: Boone County History and Culture Center, 3801 Ponderosa St., Columbia 65201 by July 1st. Thank you!

— Marilyn McLeod, marilyn_mcleod@yahoo.com

LWVUS SUPPORTS LEAGUES AT LOCAL AND FEDERAL LEVEL

As a member of the League of Women Voters of Columbia-Boone County, you are also a member of the League of Women Voters of the United States. Our national organization has information and tools to help our state and local Leagues, and also do advocacy on national legislation and court cases.

Here are some recent actions and available materials:

- Toolkit for formation of Complete Census Count Committees – our local League will be forming one of these committees in the next couple months
- Nationwide campaign to promote the For the People Act (US HB 1) by supplying Leagues with

templates for post cards for members to send to US Senators to call for a Senate hearing on this important legislation to promote and protect voting – our local League has sent post cards to Sen. Blunt and Sen. Hawley

- Task Force to promote the National Popular Vote Compact where a state pledges to give their presidential electors to the candidate who wins the popular vote – our state League has been working on this proposal

For more information check out the LWVUS website at lwv.org.

— Carol Schreiber, carolschrei@gmail.com

FRIENDS OF THE LWV OF COLUMBIA-BOONE COUNTY

The LWV of Columbia-Boone County recognizes the many organizations and individuals who have helped us educate the public, provided meeting space, and given of their time, talent and treasure to the LWV. Each month we recognize a group of our Friends of the LWV as voted on by the LWV of Columbia-Boone County membership at our Annual Meeting on May 1, 2019. For June 2019 we recognize:

- **Christina Wells** for speaking at our workshop on “Conversations Without Shouting” on June 20, 2018.
- **Kristin Frazier** for being our guest on the CAT TV show “The Agriculture Park – Great News for Columbia” on June 13, 2018.
- **CAT TV** and **Sean Brown** for production of The League Presents. **Randy Picht** as our main moderator and **Scott Swofford** and **Mike McKean** as substitute moderators.
- **Columbia Entertainment Company** for performing our fundraising play “Bye-Bye Birdie” June 6, 2018.

Thanks for being a Friend of the LWV!



Upcoming League Events!



JUNE 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28		30	31	JUNE 1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 Annual Fundraiser Columbia Entertainment Co. 1800 Nelwood Dr. Social Hour 6:30pm, Curtain 7:30pm	13	14	15
16	17 Board Meeting UU Church 2615 Shepard Blvd 6:30 p.m.	18 Juneteenth	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	JULY 1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Film: "One Woman One Vote" 2 p.m. Library	15 Board Meeting UU Church 2615 Shepard Blvd 6:30 p.m.	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27

UPDATE: 100TH ANNIVERSARY LEAGUE CELEBRATIONS IN 2019

(cont'd from page 4) **Contacts with Columbia College** - We have contacted Sam Fleury, assistant director of public relations, who agreed to help in our endeavor to get the next middle school named for Luella St. Clair Moss. Luella was the first female president of Christian College (now Columbia College), first female on the Columbia School Board, first president of LWVMO from Boone County, and first woman to run for US Congress (in 1924). A letter has been sent to members of the school board and the superintendent giving the reasons the middle school should be named for Luella. Jonathan Sessions responded that the public would be notified when they were ready to make a decision and an ex-officio committee of members of the school board would be formed to study the issue.

Ragtag Theater - Vicky Riback Wilson is working with Ragtag to put together a series of films about

the suffragists, and to work with the Locust Street Expressive Arts School on an appropriate project. The films may include "Iron-Jawed Angels," "RBG," and "Knock Down the House."

Columbia Public Library- Marilyn and Pam met with Lauren Williams. Lauren got permission to have the library reprint 500 copies of the little poster which states "a woman who is registered to vote lives here." In July we will be showing the PBS Documentary "One Woman, one Vote" at the library.

MU Chancellor- Ann Deaton has offered to contact Chancellor Alexander Cartwright for us when we have a plan for what we want her to ask him. Ann also suggested we have an EqualiTea with AAUW and the chancellor's wife, Melinda Cartwright.

Stay tuned: new ideas form every time we meet!

— Pam Springsteel, pspring@socket.net

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Local Voter Information Portal:
lwvcolumbiamo.turbovote.org
Like us on Facebook: "League of
Women Voters - Columbia, MO"

Member News

Welcome to new member **Anne Cranor**.

And, we regret to inform you of the loss of one of our oldest members, **Boyd O'Dell**, who passed away April 21, 2019.

We currently have 155 members (including 26 family members, 99 individual members and 4 life members.

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Membership dues are \$65 for individuals, \$100 for a household, and \$25 for local students. Individual and household memberships also include state (LWVMO) and national (LWVUS) membership.

Send to PO Box 239, Columbia, MO. 65205

Name _____

Email Address _____

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City _____

State and Zip Code _____

Telephone _____

I am particularly interested in _____.

I would like to receive my Voter by postal mail _____

(Note: Tax deductible donations to the Education Fund should be a separate check payable to LWVMO Education Fund.)

ERA COMMITTEE REPORT

The committee is delving into connecting with other groups and interested individuals within Columbia for a collaborative event to educate our citizenry and show a unified front to the Missouri legislature when they reconvene in January 2020.

More information to follow as plans develop..... looking toward an early Autumn collaborative meeting.

This committee and I are not "laying low" regarding ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment in Missouri.

— Teri Miller, tstm49@gmail.com



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

MAY 21 LUNCH & LEARN: INTERIM POLICE CHIEF GEOFF JONES

There was a good turnout for the Lunch and Learn Program on May 21. Interim Police Chief Geoff Jones was very informative, forthright and spent the majority of the hour answering questions from the interested and engaged audience.

He has lived in Columbia since he was 3 months old and has been employed in the Columbia Police Department since 1998. He has been a patrol officer, a Narcotics Detective, a Sergeant, Police Lieutenant, and most recently led the Community Policing program. Jones explained what he has done to improve communication and morale within the Police Dept. and to improve Police/Public interaction. He answered questions about Police Stop disparities and the diverse committee that is working on this. He told us about the mental health training officers receive to help them deal with individuals with mental disabilities. He answered questions about Vision Zero, which helps reduce vehicle/pedestrian accidents. There are 173 officers presently and he has recently reduced the number of

vacancies from 12 to 5. He would like to improve diversity when recruiting new officers.

Jones also told us what he carried on his belt. Asked about high speed chases, he explained how the old policy of allowing chases up to 20/25 miles in excess of the posted speed, to a more thoughtful approach that considered many factors. He explained why a traffic unit is needed as well as regular patrol officers. Patrol officers give attention to traffic violations only if they are not on or needed in a more urgent matter, while Traffic Officers can focus on traffic issues and give them high priority. Lastly, in response to a question about whether there was sufficient funding for the Police Dept., Interim Police Chief Jones said he felt that the Police Dept. should use the resources it has more efficiently, before considering more funding. Thanks again to Interim Police Chief Geoff Jones for a very informative and interactive Lunch and Learn session.

NOTE: There will be no summer Lunch and Learn Programs. They will resume in Sept.

— Barbara Hoppe



Interim Police Chief Geoff Jones